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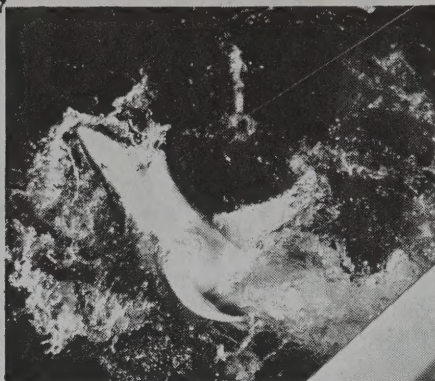


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Dear Rich,

My article "How to Read a Lake" (Sept. 14 issue) contains a glaring error. In reference to predatory birds on Long Island, I stated: "... lack the birds of prey (such as the osprey)," rather than "... lack the abundance of birds of prey, etc.," as I intended.

It doesn't take an ornithologist or member of the Audobon Society to realize that the former statement is bunk. Fish hawks (though dwindling) are alive and well on parts of the Island; Shelter Island contains a number of them, for example. Since I would not wish to complete the job DDT has done, and completely eliminate (by inference, in the article) our remaining birds of prey, I apologize to the readers.

Don Vetter

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The Aquaseum, a \$10 million aquarium/museum building complex proposed for a waterfront site in this Down East historic fishing village, is sponsoring this, the first fishing tourney for this area. Chartered as a non-profit educational organization, the Aquaseum will house marine and mariculture exhibits for the general public; laboratories and instruction rooms for student research and study groups from the Eastern Long Island Colleges and High Schools. Proceeds from the tournament are for the benefit of the Aquaseum.

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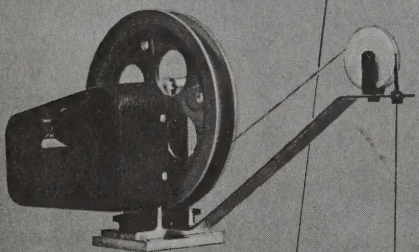
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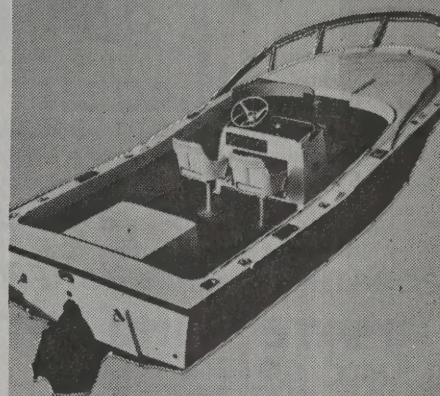
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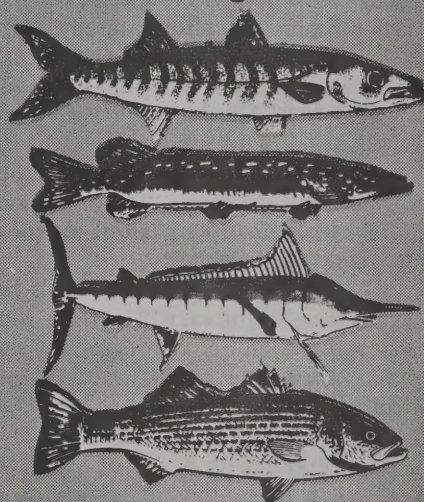
A striped bass blitz took place at Cedar Beach on Wednesday, September 20th, from 10:30 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m. Surfcasters George Wade and John Fritz, of Deer Park, caught 39 bass up to 41 lbs. 13 ozs. and 4 bluefish. All the fish took popping plugs. The action, taking place on an outgoing tide, saw only George and John plus one unidentified surfcaster fishing the area. (No boats were involved either, eh Vince!)

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Many Gates To Bluefish Heaven

By Al Reinfelder

(Part II - CASTING AND JIGGING)

LAST WEEK, in Part I, we covered the rudiments of bluefish trolling. Shore fishermen, quite naturally, were excluded from this discussion. But casting begins with the surfer, who must always utilize his skill to present lures and bait to distant fish.

Today's surf caster is most probably a spin fisherman. "Unconventional," or revolving spool casters are most definitely in the minority.

In either case, the best tools for surf casting for blues, will be those rods and reels which allow you to cast and work 1-2 oz. lures in the most efficient manner.

The rods which handle such lures best are 9'-11' with plenty of backbone and no mush in the tip. Medium to heavy salt water surf spinning reels capable of handling 12-20 lb. test line or conventional reels filled with 20-30 lb. test line fill the bill nicely.

Monofilament lines are the only kind recommended for spin-fishermen while revolving spool casters can use either mono or nylon braid. In either case, two leaders are necessary: (1) a rod length shock leader approximately double the strength of the line and (2) a 10"-15" wire leader ahead of the lure.

Boat casters may use surf casting tackle, but are not restricted to this type. One handed spinning, baitcasting, and fly casting tackle are all suitable. (Details will be covered in Part III.)

The same lures work from surf or boat, so this list will serve all casters: (1) **POPPERS**: 1-2½ oz. poppers probably head the list of popular casting lures, and for good reason. Not only is it a thrill to watch fish smash a surface bait, but these lures are particularly appealing and often attract strikes when

others fail. Bluefish popping is best performed with high speed reels and firm rods capable of speeding the plugs across the top in frothy jerks and darts. Try to get a good gulping sound and keep the lure moving at all times - except (there's always an exception) if blues boil your plug continuously but fail to nail it - then let it stop for two seconds before resuming the retrieve.

Good colors are: amber, chrome, blue-white, green-white, and brown-white.

(2) **SURFACE DARTERS AND STICK BAITS**: Some surface plugs don't pop, but wag or jerk from left to right on the retrieve. Rapid rod-tip work is required to keep up the proper action, so weak-armed-types should stick to bunker chum. ¾-2 oz. sizes are best. Many times better results can be obtained from these lures than from poppers, so keep them handy. Gibbs Pencil Poppers and Garcia Swagger Sticks are musts. Good colors are Fluorescent Orange, White Chrome and Mackerel.

(3) **SURFACE SWIMMERS**: 1-3 oz. plugs such as Atoms or Goo-Goo Eyes are outstanding bluefish plugs. They are musts for sulky or exceptionally big fish. Work them with the same swirly crawl you might use on bass or speed the retrieve slightly and add period pops (modest ones). The strike will be breathtaking. Recommended colors: Blue! (That's enough!)

(4) **JIGS**: 1-2 oz. Bucktail Jigs are excellent casting lures. Reel fast and maintain rapid rod action if the fish are on top. Deeper blues oblige you to allow the jig to sink prior to reeling and jigging. Pork rind adds two things to jig casting: more fish appeal as the pig skin undulates among the deer hair and more trouble as it wraps around line,

jig and hook. (The choice is yours.) Colors: White! (Why kid around!)

(5) **SUB-SURFACE SWIMMERS**: ½-1½ oz. Rebel-Rapala-Mee Mee-type lures are deadly on surface or shallow feeding blues. Cast-and-reel simplicity makes these lures an ideal choice for the newcomer, the child, or the inept. Colors: Chrome-Blue, Chrome-Black, and Mackerel.

(6) **CASTING TUBES**: Small (½, ¾, 1 or 1½ oz.) tubes with weighted action heads such as the Tri-Fin or Tube-Alou have uncanny effects on blues at times. Keep some handy in red, black and white. Reel steadily at a moderate pace to bring out the built-in action. Let the tubes drop to the fish's level.

(7) **METAL**: Tin and chrome squids, and other weighted metal casting lures from ½-3 oz. are so basic to bluefishing, particularly in the surf, that they hardly need mention. They cast like bullets - which is why they are so popular - and fish easy on a moderate to fast retrieve. I prefer these when casting is tough and when I work white water. Color: Silver.

(8) **SPOONS**: Light casting wobblers from ½-2 oz. are excellent bluefish casting lures, particularly in water of moderate depth. Reel and rest - reel and rest is a deadly retrieve pattern. Silver color is best here, too.

There is no natural end to this list as blues have an almost infinite appetite. Do you have a favorite lure? Or one you would like to catch a blue on? Try it - it will probably work.

PART III (next week): Bait Fishing, Fly Casting, Bridge Fishing, and other odd ball methods.



THE LONG ISLAND DUCK SEASON

BY FRED
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MALLARDS (4)

Brooks, Browns (And Rainbows)

By Don Vetter

IN THE FOOTHILLS of Vermont's Green Mountains, some miles west of Battleboro, runs a small bubbling brook. Here, twenty years ago, I caught my first trout; I remember that magic morning as if it were but yesterday. I look back on that day through a mist of nostalgia.

The dew on the spider webs was turned into jewels by the newly risen sun, as I trudged through the unmown field. As I struggled with the rusty barn door latch, my mind was filled with wondrous visions of the fishing tackle I had been promised the loan of. As I peered through the musty gloom of that old barn, I received a rude shock. My treasure trove consisted of an ancient greenheart fly rod, and a hopelessly rusted single action reel, filled with worn and gummy enameled silk line. A few moth-eaten flies, stuck in the cork grip, completed the outfit. What seemed like the dust of the ages, covered all.

Nothing daunts a seven year old would-be angler, and with the help of my dad the rig was soon cleaned up and in usable condition. Before long I was crossing the 2 lane blacktop, and racing through the underbrush to the little creek. An old wind-fallen tree had damned the stream and formed a pool of about 4 feet in depth. The pool contained several small native trout, and one (to me then) big one. The big fellow (he must have been all of 8 inches) was the one I was after.

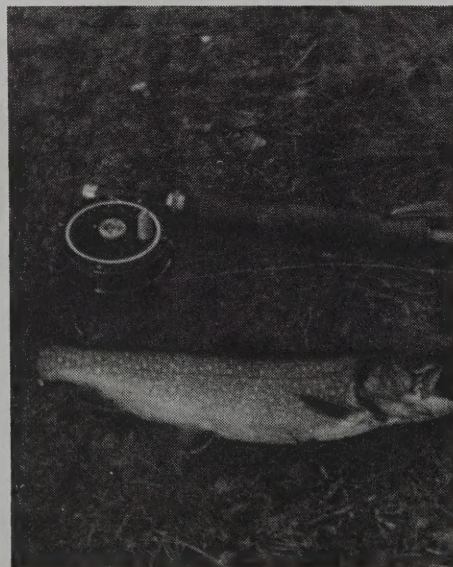
I approached the brook with the stealth of a prowling Iriquois and dropped the fly into the water from the concealment of the streamside brush (I didn't know how to cast). As the Black Gnat sank beneath the surface and drifted with the current toward the log-dam, the brookie darted forth and grabbed it — I had him! I dashed back across the road, my squirming prize tightly gripped in a grubby little hand. I've never been the same since.

Perhaps this is why *Salvelinus fontinalis* (brook, native, speckled and squaretail are among his common names) is my favorite among the trouts. The brown is smarter, and lives longer (and grows larger), and the rainbow may

fight harder, but the brookie is the best looking and best eating of the three. The tiny scales and pale markings on a dark background (particularly the worm-like 'speckles' on his back) make the brookie easy to distinguish. With his reddish fins boldly bordered in white at the leading edges, the native is quite a snappy dresser.

When it comes to feeding habits, old squaretail will take a fly with the best of them. As with any dry fly, matching the SIZE of the insects is far more important than color or pattern. Any real purist worth his Quill Gordons will probably dispute this, but then they are always looking for hairs to split (not to mention seeking justifications for owning a vast array of different fly patterns).

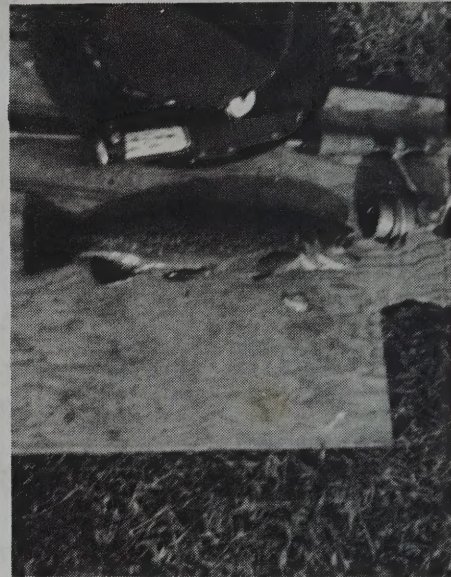
The time honored wet fly patterns (Parma, Belle, Silver Doctor, etc.) for brookies, all have one thing in common: they are bright-hued and tend to be rather large. These patterns evolved in the last century, when there was a large supply of wild (and unsophisticated) native trout. Unless you are planning a trip to some remote fly-in lake in Northern Ontario, or such like, I suggest you forget these old stand-bys. A Leadwing Coachman, Blue Dun or Black Gnat among other somber colored flies will be more in order. Sizes should probably range no larger than No. 10,



BROOK TROUT

and the fly should usually be worked slowly or dead-drifted.

The brook trout, if not actually stupid, has one fatal weakness: he is a sucker for a worm. I have even seen a big brookie take a drifted nightcrawler in the midst of a fly hatch. This weakness for worms may have contributed to the decline of native stocks, almost as much as deforestation and pollution.



BROWN TROUT

Salmo trutta, the brown trout, is a relative newcomer to these shores. First imported from Europe in the 1880's, he soon began to make his presence felt. Ranging from dark brown to creamy yellow in coloration, his round, dark spots on a lighter background, are his identifying feature. He is the wariest of trout; when you present a fly to old brownie, it had better be a pretty good match for a natural (go to it purists!), and a drag-free float is essential.

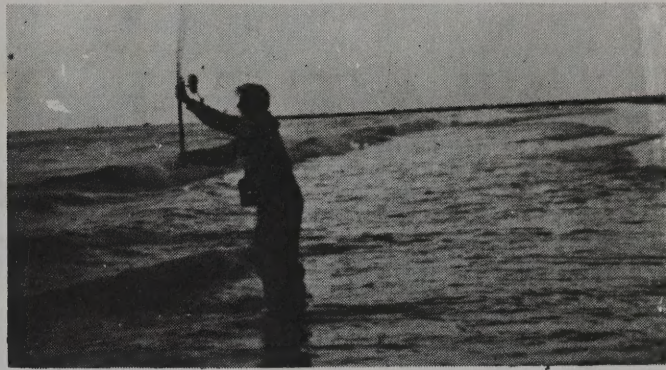
The biggest plus in the brown's favor, is his surviveability; he can thrive in water that would have a brookie belly-up in short order (why doesn't the Conservation Department stock more of them in some of our marginal 'trout waters'?). He often lives to a ripe, hook-jawed old age, even in our hard-

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Strictly Casting

— By Vince Guaglianone —

WEST MEADOW



WHAT THE YOUTH even within wealthy suburbia have nowhere to go, and that they seem to be forever searching for something to do becomes apparent when you hit West Meadow Beach for some casting at night. The parking field is a teenage hang-out and consequently a dumping ground for soda bottles, beer cans, etc.; and patrolled by police.

One wonders about the younger groups, the children who trek the long curvy coast at night and often do a job on bluefish: must they grow into this aimless stage? Or do they stick to fishing?

"Look what we caught (on poppers)," said one of three kids holding up a strung mess of taylor blues, and walking past me during one sunset this month. "Did you get any?" - "No," I replied (bravely). - "You have to walk further down the cove," said the kid. "There's a million of them down there."

Of course, an expert like me did not want taylor blues. Yet I felt strangely relieved when the big Rebel finally did take a taylor to shore; my first bluefish of this year . . . Since then I've become addicted again to blues; possibly a sign of temporary defeat in my quest for big bass this year.

Before I moved out to Suffolk: Bayville and West End were two home-beaches for me. Traffic permitting I could be casting at either shore within an hour after starting the car. Then when I moved, obviously, I should have fished mostly some new home-beaches.

But you can guess what I did my first year. Rather than devote precious fishing-time to unfamiliar spots, I returned to those where almost I could find gamefish blindfolded.

Luckily, the spring of 1971 was not too hot at Bayville or Cedar. And one day early spring after making the rounds from the Cedar surf up to Bayville, I finally stopped off at Stony Brook Inlet right near my home. The first cast took a schoolie on a Rebel. Since then I've begun to learn the Inlet.

Nick of Bayville, an ace shore fisherman who covers the whole north coast had often praised Stony Brook, but even his coaxing words were not enough to keep me 'home'. - "The only thing about Stony Brook," good Nick had said: "is the boats. Once it's past sunrise, it's all over because of those guys - you know how they are - in their boats. But you can go back there in late fall . . . when you think it's all over everywhere else . . . it's not necessarily over yet in Stony Brook."

Enough about that Inlet and its private summer cottages has appeared in previous articles. The point here is that the rest of this gravel coast also lies waiting for casters who might need an occasional trip away from their home-beaches; and a trip not so far as Montauk.

"Some years West Meadow and the whole coast up to Crane Neck Point is better than Montauk," said Little Mike; a Montauk veteran who has been seen also at Sunken Meadow carrying a nylon rope about 30 feet long, on which he strings blues and bass at night.

West Meadow is part of an intriguing shore. On it you face directly west and that's different for the north shore. It is the long, long east side of Smithtown Bay. So that if you wanted to fish the Sound during a strong northeast wind, which clogs most of the north shore with weed: here is the spot for that wind. It is the lee of that wind; and baitfish and gamesters often take shelter along this shore under the northeaster. (It will get weed-clogged here only if that wind blows more than a day strongly.)

Perhaps almost half the time that you catch fish here they are resting fish, as distinct from feeding fish; and in flat water or nearly flat - which means the wind behind you: all the easterlies. Westerlies that are mild will not stir the bottom too much, and may help put the baitfishes toward shore.

Like at Crab and Sunken Meadows: after the ebb is half out there is little

water left at West Meadow; though there are sandbars to wade to the channel that curves westward - away from you - out of Stony Brook Inlet. These are between the Inlet's mouth and West Meadow proper. North of West Meadow, to your right on the long way to the boulder-waters that rip around Crane Neck Point, there are more wade-worthy bars which are really pebble-bars. A good idea is to remain for low tide just to study the shore conformation by day. But from the Inlet to Crane Neck Point is more coast than you would care to walk in one day.

From West Meadow you see Crane Neck Point on your right. To reach it feels like two miles and over stones. To its deeper ripping waters the older regulars of this shore cast live eels at night, as well as all the imitation baits that big bass go for. The past two sand-shark-years have been slow for big stripers here; but when you reach the Point you know that this sandshark slowness is a temporary situation. Big bass have got to be beside those boulders and in the deep rip current, at some time, at Crane Neck Point.

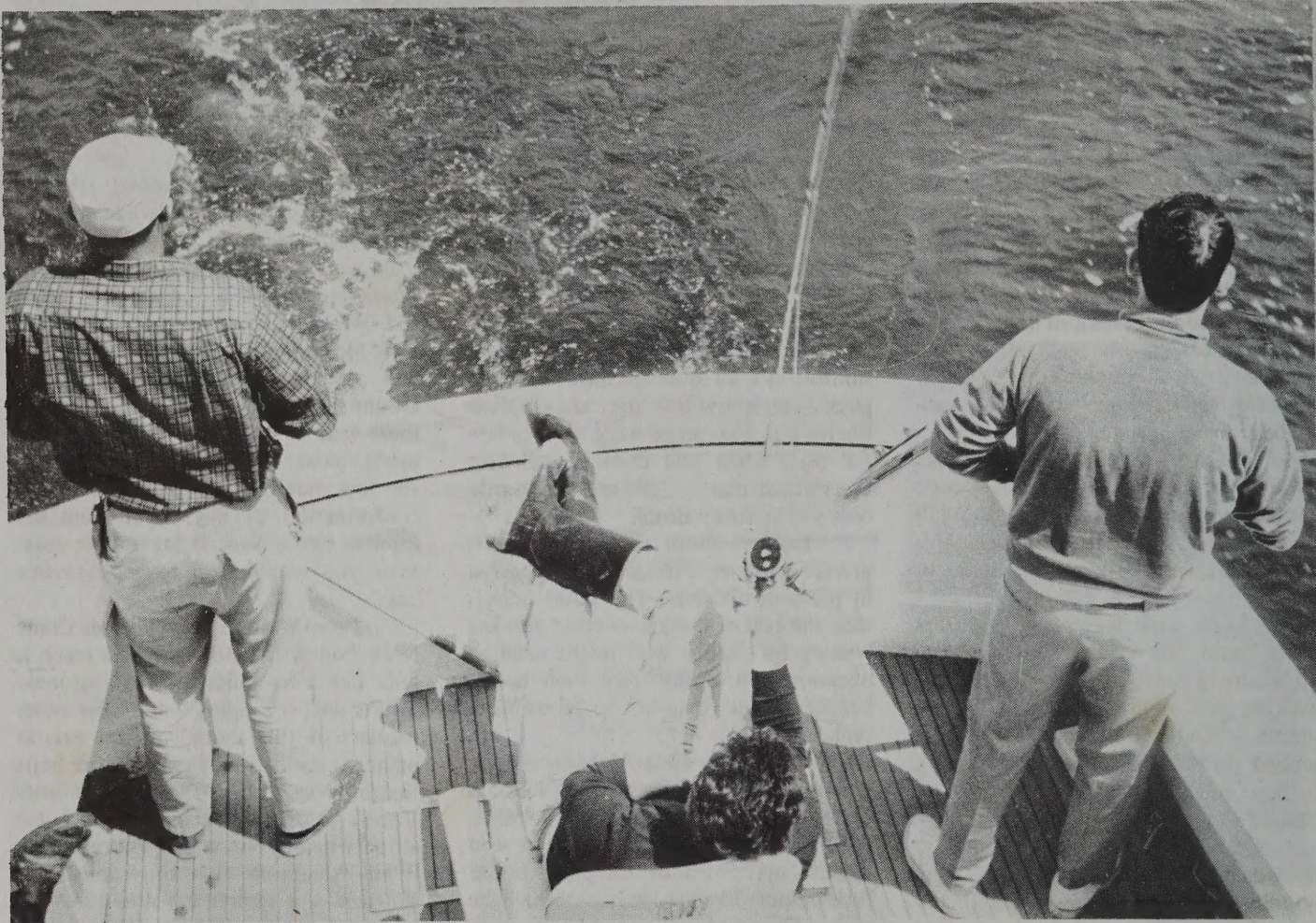
One September day last year I left two friends (both of whom used to fish often) at Bayville after fileting some blues. Reaching all the way back to Stony Brook L.I.R.R. Station to pick up the wife (who used to be gainfully employed) she agreed - ok: I could make just two casts at West Meadow before getting us finally home. The sun was setting and it was high tide. The beach was lined with casters landing blues. First cast: an 8 pound blue. Second cast: a 7 pounder . . . Do you think I went home right after?

Often on high tide, when the blues are making roiled water and 300 terns with 50 seagulls are pouncing on the unfortunate mossbunker: all the boats come zooming in to troll in the 5-to-3 feet of water. Real smart. Then

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WATCH THE TIDES!

By Vlad Evanoff



These anglers trolling at the "Pollock Rip" at Montauk on Captain Nick Kuzin's "Tiger Shark" will catch fish if the tide is right and most charter boat captains try to fish such spots when the tide is right.

I REMEMBER one fall day in Rhode Island when we were fishing from a boat along the Narragansett shore and then around Pt. Judith and along the south shore. We got some fast action right from the start. It seemed the school bass were all along the shore and almost every spot we tried produced a few fish. Then all of a sudden they stopped hitting and we couldn't get a single strike. It was about the middle of the day so we decided to anchor in one of the coves for some lunch.

We broke out the sandwiches and coffee and started to eat. The water was very clean and not rough. In fact, it was glassy smooth. I stood up eating the sandwich and peered over the side. When I looked at the bottom I did a double-take - - there were stripers lying on the bottom next to each other. They seemed

to pave the entire bottom. I quickly grabbed my spinning rod with bucktail jig, cast it out and let it sink. When it got close to the fish I started to reel it back with plenty of rod action. Two or three of the stripers took off after the jig, but only followed it a short distance, then went back toward the bottom. This happened several times until finally they didn't even chase it at all. I even tried jigging the lure near them but they showed no interest.

We finished our lunch and then raised the anchor and started fishing the rocky coastline again. Once more the fish responded and we started to catch a few in almost every spot we tried. What had happened was that the tide was low water slack when we stopped for lunch and the bass simply weren't feeding. When the tide started to run again and

come in they resumed feeding.

I have seen this happen on so many occasions with both gamefish and bottom fish that I always try to be out fishing during one of the tide changes, either the start of the outgoing or the start of the incoming. These are two peak feeding periods with salt-water fishing species.

When many anglers first start salt-water fishing they pay little attention to the tides and just go out when it is convenient. Then they wonder why the fish aren't biting in a certain spot or why some other anglers are just going out fishing when they are quitting. It's usually because the more experienced anglers know that tides play an important role in salt-water fishing. Charter boat captains and fishing guides also know this and they make a close study

of tides, currents, rips and their effects on the fishing in their areas.

You can waste a lot of time casting, trolling or even bottom fishing when the tide is wrong for a certain spot. But if you know which tides are best for that spot you can be there at the right time or figure out in advance when the best fishing will take place. This means fewer wasted hours and more fish in the boat or on the beach.

Surf anglers are true students of tides because they know that they are vital in surf fishing. Many surf anglers "fish the tides" by going out only when a certain stage of the tide is most favorable for the spot they will fish. Such information, of course, is acquired mostly through "trial and error" from years of fishing a certain area. They soon learn which tides are best for a certain spot and try to be there at that time. Even if it means getting up or going out at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Naturally if you are just beginning to fish a strange area you will be handicapped at first. Then local anglers and tackle dealers may tell you which tides are best for a certain spot. Or you can spend a lot of time at the beach or on a jetty and cast or fish for long periods until the fish come in or start feeding. But as mentioned before you can waste a lot of time doing this.

There are a few general rules which can be applied to tides and how they influence surf fishing. Such as, here, too, a moving tide is usually better than a stationary one. So low water or high water slack are usually poor times to fish. Wait for the tide to change before you can expect some action. Of course, there are exceptions at times and in some places such as inlets where the tide often continues to run even during slack water. But in most places gamefish such as stripers usually wait for the tide to start moving before they chase bait or start hitting lures.

Along sandy beaches where there are a lot of sand bars, shallow flats and a gently sloping beach you usually have to wait until the tide is well up before the fish move into these shallow spots. So here the higher tides are usually best.

In other spots such as rocky points, jetty ends, breakwaters and a deep-cut beach you can often catch fish during the low tides because there is deep water nearby which can be reached with a cast. Also during the low tides the fish and bait tends to be concentrated more in these deeper spots and fish also move in there. And there is more white water during a tide that is half out to half in



Capt. Nick Kuzin looks over a half-day's catch of stripers by three anglers from his charter boat "Tiger Shark" based at Montauk. Most charter boat captains are keen students of tides and how they influence the fishing in their area.

than from half in to half out. In other words, I find that when fishing artificial lures you'll do better to fish the low tides instead of the high ones. With more white water on the bars, reefs and around jetty ends you'll find more fish feeding and you'll fool them easier in such water. Bottom fishing with bait, on the other hand can be good during high water.

You also may have to wait until low tide or when it is down quite a bit before you can fish many areas. There are many rocky areas or jetty ends which cannot be fished until the tide drops so you can get out on them.

When fishing around inlets or river mouths I've found that the last of the outgoing tide and the start of the incoming are most productive.

Boat anglers also find that in spots where there are tidal rips or turbulent waters or strong currents the fishing is usually best when these are fairly strong. When they slacken off the fishing usual-

ly slows down or stops. On the other hand, too strong a rip or tide may also be bad, because you may have trouble getting your lure or bait down deep enough to reach the fish or the lures won't have good action. Bottom fishermen will have trouble holding bottom at such times too.

The angler who knows several good fishing spots within easy reach during the day's fishing can often move around from one spot to another as the tide changes and catch at a few of these spots. Thus if he knows that some spot is good around high water he can fish there, then when the tide is half out he can head for a spot which is good during that stage and when it gets near low water he can shift his fishing to a spot that is productive during that stage of tide. Both surf anglers and boat anglers can do this if they have fished a certain area long enough to know several good spots at different stages of the tide.

Hudson River Report

by PETE BARRETT

In the lower River from the harbor up into Haverstraw Bay, snapper blues and crabs are the center of attention. Some stripers are reported and this fishing will get better each week. Up river the largemouth and smallmouth bass angling is exceptionally fine although trout fishing has slacked off. For more information on what to expect from the Hudson River's fall season fishing, write to the Hudson River Fishermens Association at Box 67 in Demarest, New Jersey and ask for the Fall Fact Sheet. It has a complete run-down on hot spots, baits, launch locations and other useful information.

CLAVERACK

According to Everett Nack's Tackle Shop the smallmouth fishing is better than ever at the Rt 9G bridge on the Roeliff Jansen Kill. Largest catch of this past week was recorded by Tom Mieger of the Bronx with a 3 lb. 11 oz. bass taken on a live shiner. Tom fished an inflatable boat drifting with the current. Most smallmouth have been averaging 2-3 lbs. with small bucktails also taking fish. Nack had only a few reports from Columbia Creek but feels the fishing should be about the same there as in the Ro Jan.



John Garrebuck, of Mt. Vernon, with a 7¼ lb. bluefish, taken on a fly rod popper. Photo courtesy of Al's Tackle Shop, Pelham, N.Y.

KINGSTON

Roy's Bait & Tackle reports plenty of smallmouth being weighed in from Roundout and Esopus Creek but most are on the small side. Live shiners, Mepps spinners and silver plugs are the proven fish-takers. One New Jersey "Bass Bomber" did manage to fool a smallmouth that weighed just a shade over 3¼ lbs. but Roy thinks the larger fish will be hitting regularly soon.

WAPPINGERS FALLS

"Small fish" says Al Brennstoult of the B & M Bait Shop. "We need a good frost to get things under way". Most catches now are running only 1¼ to 2¼ lbs. taken either on plugs at night or with rubber worms fishing down deep. Catfishing has also slowed down but some of these tasty fish will touch the 3 lb. mark. On the River white perch are abundant and some stripers are showing. Crabbing is excellent.

VERPLANCK

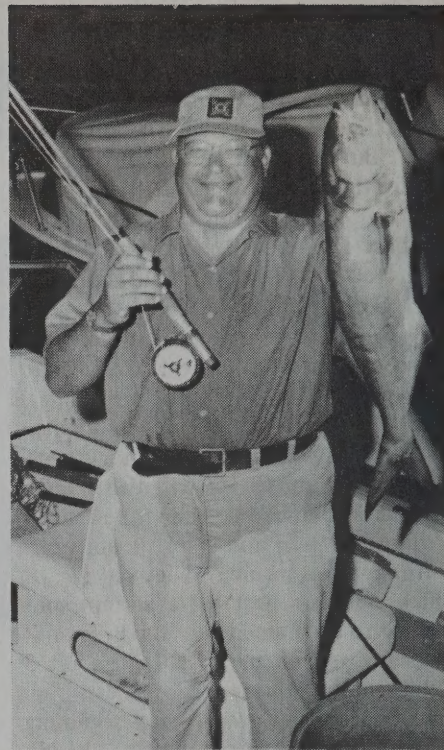
Crabs and snapper blues are all over the Verplanck area. Best crabbing locations are right in front of Ace and Charlies Tackle Shop on Steamboat Landing and behind the FDR Hospital. Snappers are tiny with a 10 inch a big catch but they are fine sport on ultra light tackle fishing from shore at Oscawanna Beach and at Furnace Brook.

CROTON POINT

Senesqua dock, the Croton River Bridge and Croton Point Park are hot for big blue crabs and hordes of snappers. Pat Ferris of Croton Bait & Tackle reports some crabs are up to 7" across the back. She's also heard reports that crabbers are also doing very well at Depot Square in Garrison and at Annsville Creek near Peekskill.

OSSINING

Tony Morabito of Tony's Bait & Tackle reports fast action on snapper blues at Kemmies Cove, off Sing-Sing, Bishops Rocks and across the Hudson at Rockland Lighthouse. These fish are running larger as you get further down River and Tony has had some fish to 16". The Mepps spinner with a slice of snapper bellie or pork rind worked the best. At the Rockland Lighthouse Tony caught over 130 blues. Crabs are plentiful all along the shore spots. Catfishing is improving with the cooler water temperatures and Paul Pindt's 8 lber indicates the good fishing to come. Bloodworms are the bait.



Ed Graser, of Fort Lee, N.J., with an 8½ lb. blue caught off Stamford, Conn. on a fly rod and popping plug. Photo courtesy of Peter A. Barrett.

FORT LEE

Stripers are hitting crabs at the Spuyten Duyvil for early morning fishermen. Casters are getting some hits on Pt. Jude chrome poppers. At the Interstate Park, white perch, catfish and some snappers are keeping beach bound anglers happy. Crabs are easy pickings but the better crabbing is just off the beach for the smallboatmen. Al & Jetty's Tackle Box reports some stripers are appearing in the catches of perch. Albert Savianeso took two bass of 5 and 7 lbs. on Friday on bloodworms. Al Fennen says fishing is slow around Robbins Reef and the Statue of Liberty with only four of his blues going over the 5 lb. mark. Umbrella rigs are his favorite with red tubes.

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By Greg Beacher

DEPARTING

This will be my last weekly report covering the New York Bight this season as I am leaving the snow and cold behind for the winter. For the next eight months, I'll be fishing under the sun in the Florida Keys. However, during this time there will be reports and articles about fishing the Florida Keys as there are many L.I.F. readers that fish the Keys during their winter vacation. Both ocean fishing, extending from the beach towards the Gulf Stream, and back country fishing will be covered. If there are any anglers that wish to obtain certain information not covered, just drop a line to the L.I.F. office. I will be more than happy to answer all your questions. If you do fish the Keys this winter, I'll be aboard the "Double SS."

TUNA REPORT

Tuna up to and over 600 lbs. are back at the B.A. Buoy. Last week, numbers of these giants were hooked,

however, only a few were boated. Aboard Charles Banks' "Queen Bee," Mike Scarpati, Jr. of the "Ranger IV" and Steve Orinaldo of Brooklyn boated the largest tuna of the season for the Sheepshead Bay area last week. To be exact, on the 18th, while the "Queen Bee" was fishing the B.A. Buoy area, they connected a large butterfish to a 12/0 reel with 80 lb. test line. Soon after they started chumming, they hooked their tuna. After a three hour battle, angler Mike Scarpati brought the giant to the gaff. That afternoon, Joe Lauro of Stella Maris Fishing Station announced the weight as 526 pounds.

Anglers have their choice of school or giant tuna. Most of the tuna that are being caught at the B.A. Buoy are over 100 lbs. Anglers seeking smaller fish are going to the Klondike. Along both areas, bonito, albacore and skippies are mixed in.

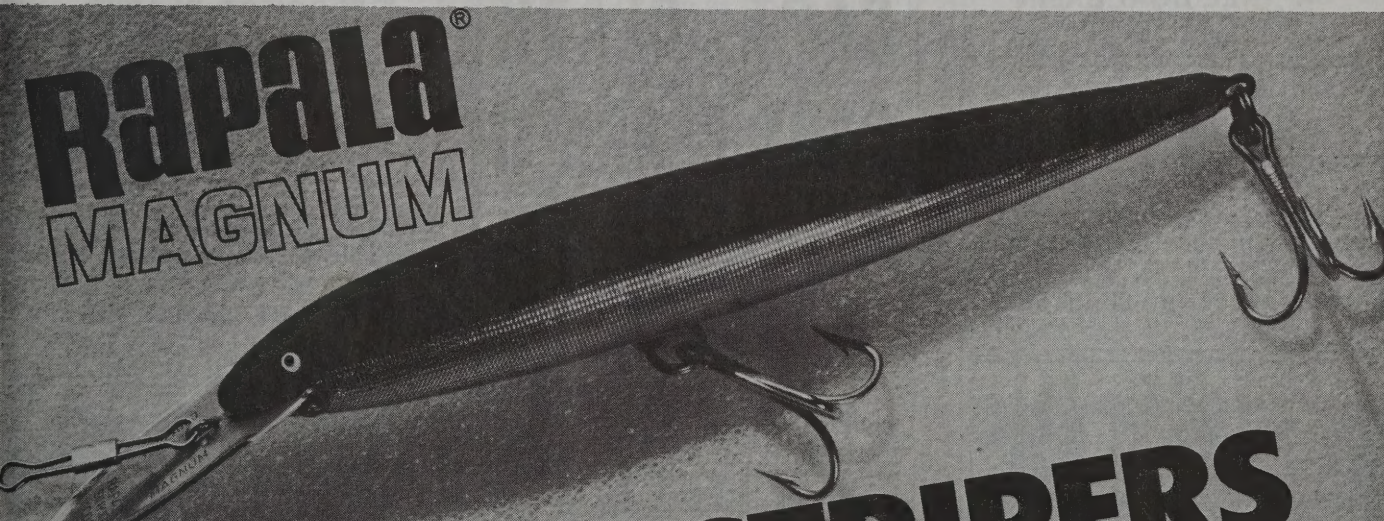
ATLANTIC BEACH

Atlantic Beach anglers are still producing numbers of weakfish from 1½ to 6 lbs. between the Rockaways and Long Beach. Bait fishermen using squid strip baits or jigs are scoring. At the Atlantic Beach Bridge, clam chumming for stripers is fair with bass up to 15



Dr. Michael Schlossberg, Dr. Alvin Haring, Dr. Howard Kaufman and Norman Herman with 12 tuna up to 70 lbs., caught at the Mud Hole. Photo courtesy of the charter boat "Kim."

lbs. being taken. Anglers working rock jetties along the Rockaways are starting to hit school bass on both bait and lures. Fluke fishing is still spotty for the area, however, at Reynolds Channel,



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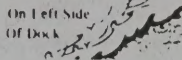
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Tuna had the upper hand during the Sheepshead Bay Invitational Tuna Tournament, sponsored by the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club last weekend. During the two days of fishing, numbers of tuna were hooked, however, each fish that took a bait offering was lost. This was no fault of the anglers. The tuna were just too big to handle on light tackle. Tournament boats hooked over 15 giant tuna during the tournament, but straightened hooks, popped lines

anglers are connecting for the largest fluke of the season.

JAMAICA BAY

At the North Channel Bridge, anglers are still producing 2 to 4 lb. weakfish on squid and worm baits, however, action there is starting to slow down. There are still plenty of sand porgies, snappers, blue claw crabs and a few flounders to be caught most anywhere. Between the Ruffel Bay and Floyd Bennett Field, fluke fishing has tapered off to spotty action. Most of

the fish caught there are over 2 lbs. however. The best fishing for Jamaica Bay presently is the striper fishing. Along bay areas, sea walls and bridges, small stripers are hitting clam chum, worms and lures. Action has been good most anywhere; just pick your favorite spot. Remember that stripers under 16 inches should be thrown back. Sportsmen just keep 'keepers.'

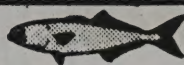
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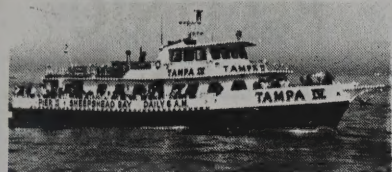
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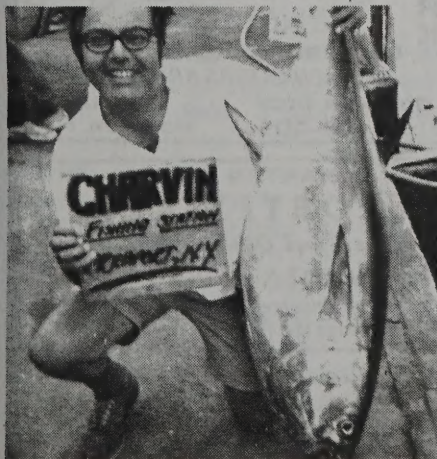
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and leaders maintained freedom for the fish. Tournament director Sid Karlin reported that boats had action but that there were no eligible fish. Prizes and trophies from this year's tournament will be added to next year's tourney.



Capt. Jack Schonzeit, skipper of the "Sandy Jr.," with a 130 lb. tuna. Photo courtesy of Charvin Fishing Station.

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Bluefishing last week was just the opposite of the preceeding report. Blues from 3 to 15 lbs. were caught in good numbers at the Farms. Over last week-end, party boats scored both during day and night trips. Many captains feel that bluefishing should last well into October as these fish are still abundant along eastern areas.

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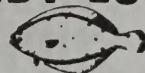
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aways, anglers are connecting for weakfish up to 5 lbs. on squid baits and jigs. Boats clam chumming at the Tin Can, the Round House are starting to produce excellent striper catches. Bass from 2 to 15 lbs. are providing action at its



Al Kirschenbaum with 10 fluke up to 5 lbs., caught aboard the party boat "Grace" out of Sheepshead Bay.

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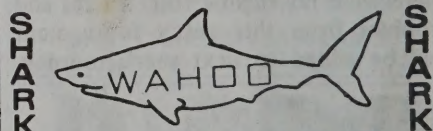
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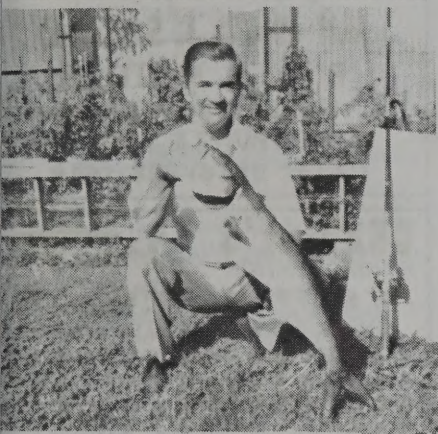
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Dave Knight, president of the White Fawn Hunting & Fishing Club of New Jersey, with an 18 lb. 13 oz. blue, caught from the "Tampa IV."

best during the outgoing tide. Boats are catching between 5 and 20 fish per boat. Fluke fishermen are not through for the season as fish up to 5 lbs. are still being caught along Ambrose Channel. Action there has been spotty, but there are some doormat fluke still there to be caught.

While all the above action was going on, last week's tilefish trips by the "Tampa IV" and "Amberjack IV" were just great. Tilefish up to 40 lbs. provided good action for all those who fished.

NORTON'S POINT

Anglers fishing north and south of Norton's Point are producing mixed bags of fish. Boats anchoring while clam chumming are catching stripers, weakfish and small blues. The best action takes place during the outgoing tide. The action has been excellent at times and it isn't hard to locate. Most everyday you will see boats anchored where the action is. Boats trolling or jigging are also producing. At the Verrazano Bridge, there are some bass, weakfish and blues to be caught, however, this action is described as slow.

SANDY HOOK

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didn't mind it one bit. School stripers moved in as soon as the blues departed. Last week, both private and party boats that clam chummed from 1 to 2 miles off the Golf Ball connected. School bass from 2 to 20 lbs. were caught during both tides each day. It seems this fishing is just getting started and the best is yet to come. At Flynn's Knoll and throughout Sandy Hook Bay, weakfishing is still good. Anglers are producing action with squid baits and jigs.



Anglers aboard the charter boat "Nancy Ann" with 183 blues, caught at the Acid Waters. Photo courtesy of Charvin Fishing Station.

SHARK RIVER

Bobby Nash of the "Miss Belmar" reported that the main action last week was at the Klondike. Jumbo blues, albacore, bonito and skippies were caught in good numbers. The only action that was off last week was the tuna fishing. Close to home port, bluefishing has been off but anglers are finding enough fluke and weakfish action to keep them happy. Striped bass fishermen are starting to show up as the fall striper run is just getting under way for the season.

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Manasquan anglers have to travel a bit as the blues moved off of Manasquan Ridge and the areas close to home.

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Locally, the fall bass run has started for the Manasquan area. From Seaside Park and south, bass have become active along beach, inlet, canal and river areas. Anglers are hitting bass along the surf using cut baits. At the inlets, bass are being clam chummed, trolled and jigged. At the canal and river, worms and plugs are working best.

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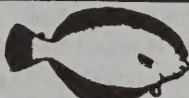
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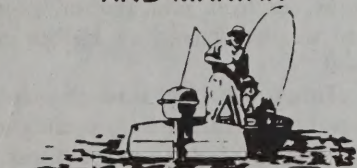
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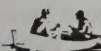
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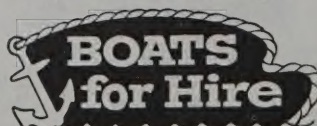
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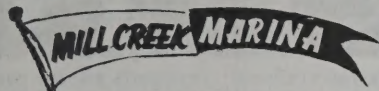
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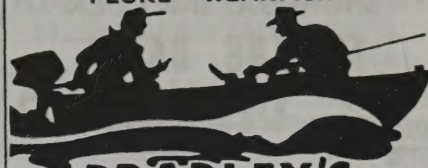
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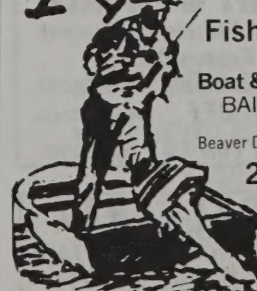
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GREENWICH

Norwalker Bruce Brown, caught and released a 32 pound striper, and he did the same with another big bass last season, says Doug Van Wynen at the Sportsman's Den.

Vinny Maselli caught a 20 1/4 lb. chopper in Westchester waters. Phil Schultz, was casting an Acetta spoon and nailed a 17 pound blue in Greenwich waters, while Mr. Presto took a 16 pounder.

Joe Nevulis, of Winston Salem, N. C., caught his second bluefish ever, while guesting with Tony Chimblo in the River Club Tournament last weekend. The 13 pounder took first honors.

Claire Kingdollar recorded a 3 1/2 lb. fluke, while wire-line trolling off Greenwich Pt. with a Goo-Goo Eyes Lure. Rumor, of a pair of 12 pound King Mackerel. The boys at Grass Island Marina saw the fish.

ROWAYTON

Bert at the Bait Shop, was just returned from his annual salmon jaunt at the Mirimachi River, and was already out comparing our bluefish on a pound for pound basis. Roy tells us the blues are just about anywhere you want to go. Snappers are in strong. Porgies are still thick, with some now going to ten inches, and flounder are beginning to move in.

BRIDGEPORT

Bob Zam Pidri at Bob's Bait tells of good bluefishing off Lordship. Point-No-Point, right down to St. Mary's has shown some fair surf fishing on occasion, but should break loose any day. Snapper fishermen are reaping a steady harvest



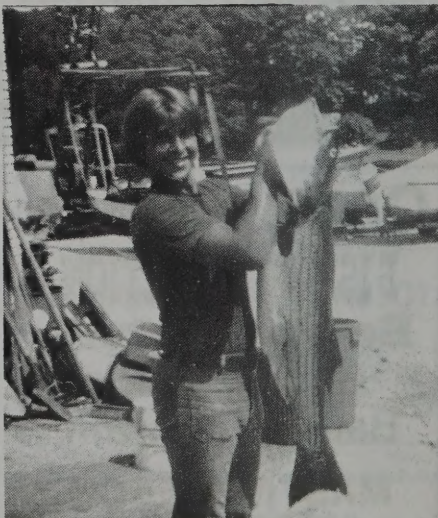
Dan Catalano with stripers up to 25 lbs., taken on poppers in the Rye, N.Y. area.

around St. Mary's Trollers are still hitting fish around Buoy 18 and 20. The Leja Bros. did it again, with a fine string of bass, taken drifting worms.

Stowie at the Sportsman's Den tells us some fine blues are coming in from Middleground, and himself saw a pair going 17 pounds the other day. While surf men are spending more time jawing than fishing at the moment, the ones who are haunting Pleasure Beach are hitting occasional spurts of good fishing. Stev Kovacs found the choppers at Buoy 18, and cleaned up on light tackle. Pete the boss-man tells us the blue-shell crabs are available in record numbers in Mass. waters.

NEW HAVEN

Porgies from the shore by the hundreds in West Haven & Milford. Bluefish are available in West Haven, Long Wharf, and solid from the jetty to the breakwater. One pair of anglers



Joe Santono, of Rye, N.Y., with a 34 lb. 14 oz. striper, caught off Greenwich, Conn. Photo courtesy of P.C.B.Y.

recorded 72 fish in three hours. That's some heavin' & haulin'. Butterfish are mixed with the porgies, and bass are moving. Walt tells of Ray Stopka who caught better than forty stripers in a day, releasing all but seven. Lot's of shorts again this fall. Remember the 16 inch legal limit.

MAMARONECK

Consistent bluefish says Fred Archer at Mamaroneck Fishing Station, and for the first time ever, surf casters hit them from shore off Harbor Island. Sanitation men had to shovel the bunkers from the shore after one frenzied feeding binge by the choppers. Bunkers haven't been seen since, but this could be because of last weeks storm. The blues are still around.

RYE

Charlie Ferris at Milton Pt. B & T told of a general slow-down with the falling barometer, which means that bluefish catches dropped to half a dozen or so a man. Tinker mackerel are moving in and plenty of porgies available. Bass fishing has slowed a bit too, but this is the calm before the storm.

STAMFORD

Chris Chirillo called just after I'd mailed last weeks column to tell of Ron Kowalsky's biggest ever, a 48 pound striped bass, which he took on an umbrella rig in Stamford waters. He's taken several nice fish since too. This week when I called, Chris was in the midst of cleaning a catch of mackerel, taken right from the dock at Pat's Marina. They had a pail of 25, all taken on Kastmasters. The torpedoes measured 14 to 16 inches. Carol Chirillo recorded her first striper, an 8 pounder, taken on a surgical tube.

NORWALK

Bruce Mola has been fishing both sides of Long Island Sound, and finds it pretty hard to tell which is better. The area of the hospital has been a hotspot, stretching all the way to the power plant in Northport. Then Bruce went out again at night, recording 20 fish of 9 to 15 pounds near Sheffield Island on this side. Tom Spriggs took a 15½ pounder in the Hammocks, among others, with all the big fish hitting bunker chunks. Porgies and frostfish share the bottom fishing headlines in Norwalk waters, and while snappers have slowed slightly, every so often a bonanza happens.

The Tackle Box reports good snapper fishing in the Norwalk River and out



Frank King and Mike King with 18 blues up to 11 lbs., trolled off Execution Rocks on tubes.

around Manresa power plant. Flounder are beginning to show, and blues are all over.

WESTPORT

Dave Rourke's job brought him to Westport four years ago, and he moved into the house next door. An expert freshwater fisherman, I didn't waste any time in introducing him to Long Island Sound fishing. After two years, the job brought him back to his native Oklahoma, but last week he returned to Westport, and within a couple of hours, had launched his bass boat at Compo Beach, and was again battling those fantastic bluefish. Like Dave says, "There's no fishing like bluefishing"

He found them stretched from Bedfords Pt. to Cockenoe Island, and fished till he ran out of tackle. On Friday night, they again showed at Compo Beach, filling the mouth of the Saugatuck River much to the delight of surf anglers there.

Ed Boland and I caught a few at 11B last week, but this weekend, we celebrate National Hunting & Fishing Day at the Remington Gun Club in Lordship. Right now, it's time to park in the column. The storm is over, and the barometer is on the rise, an excellent time for bluefishing wouldn't you say?

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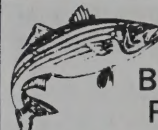
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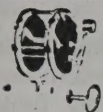
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Paul of B & T Tackle reported very good bluefish action at the back end of City Island's Eastchester Bay area. These choppers run from 6 to 9 lbs. and they are hitting anything on top. There are plenty of short bass around; nothing big is being taken. Blackfish are now showing at Execution Light. These fish go to 2 lbs. and better. They are being taken on crabs. Loads of sand porgies are available.

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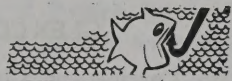
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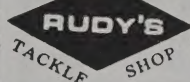
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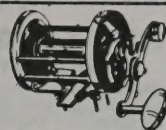
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Vinny of Vets Fishing Station reported there are plenty of blues to be had at the Fort Totten area. The blues average 10 to 14 lbs. and are hitting bunker strips. There are plenty of sand porgies and snappers available. All of the bass action is comprised of small fish. Blackfish are starting by the Stepping Stone Light. You should have a good supply of crabs with you to do these 2 lb. and better blacks in.

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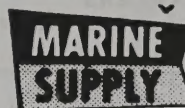
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BAYVILLE

Norm's Tackle reported erratic bluefish action. These fish are there one day and gone the next, however, they always come back stronger than before. On Saturday, anglers has plenty of 7 to 8 lb. blues which were taken by plugging on top and by trolling tubes and buck-tails. Blackfish from 3 to 4 lbs. are now available and they are taking crabs. There are plenty of sand porgies and snappers around. The Lloyd's Neck area is your best bet.

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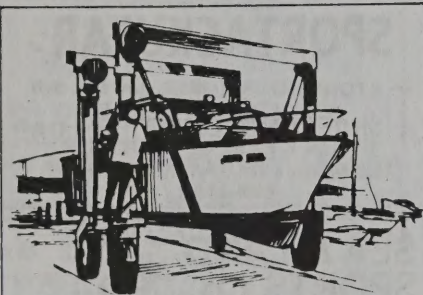
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reported bass action at the east shore by Colgate's. A 21 pound striper was weighed in from this area. It was taken on a bunker strip. To the west, short plugs and worms are doing a job on the bass. Worms are your best bet. Eight stripers ranging from 10 to 21 lbs. were taken from this area. Bluefish up to 12 lbs. were trolled and plugged at the inlet. The Silver Creek Chub is best right now. There are plenty of sand porgies and flounders available and blackfish are starting to show.

GLEN COVE

John Cocciola of Glen Cove Sports reported he had a little luck on Sunday. He caught himself a 12½ and a 4 lb. bass and also a 4 lb. blue off of Cold Spring Harbor. These fish were taken on poppers. John told us that Mirro-Lures has a hot item with their Red Head lure. This lure is known locally as 'The Killer.' On Thursday, the Red Head produced 31 bass for a local sharpie. The stripers went to 8 lbs. and the spot that produced best was off of Prybil's Beach. Sand porgies and snappers are still around the beaches and the docks.

NORTHPORT

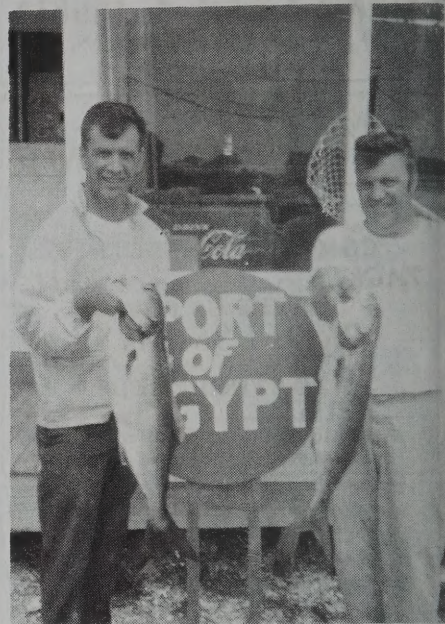
Ted Bowmann of Bowmann's Sporting Goods reported that blues from 5 to 12 lbs. can be located about one mile offshore. They are being taken on top with Creek Chubs and Striper Swipers. If you go out further, you can get larger fish but they must be trolled deep with wire. Porgies averaging 1 to 1½ lbs. are plentiful around the Sand City area. In the harbor, snappers and sand porgies are available.

PORT JEFFERSON

Charlie Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing Station reported bluefish at the Middle Ground area. These fish run 6 to 12 lbs. and must be trolled deep with wire. The bass action is starting to pick up by the inlet and schoolies on the east side of the harbor are taking worms. Kingfish and sand porgies are inside the harbor. Outside, by Old Field Point, larger porgies and blackfish can be taken. The jetties are also very productive for the blackfish.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Fishing Station reported there is very good porgy fishing outside of the harbor. The flounders are starting and the blackfish are doing well. Blues are being trolled outside of the jetties. They run to 12 lbs. While trolling for blues, you might find some bonito



Tom Quigley and Tom Carlsen of Brentwood, with 2 of the 30 blues they jigged at the Race in the Peconics. Photo courtesy of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

mixed in with them. Pat Heinz, of Centereach, landed an 11 lb. King mackerel at the Middle Grounds.

PECONICS

The Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported good porgy fishing at South Ferry. 1 to 1½ lb. porgies are quite plentiful. The weakfish showed again on Sunday after a leave of absence during the week. Some kingfish are available but this action is spotty. Plum Gut and the Race are producing nice bluefish and striper action. Diamond jigs, whole bunker and whole mackerel are producing 5 to 15 lb. fish. Blackfish are picking up by the lighthouse and at Orient Point. The porgy fishing is good.

NEW SUFFOLK

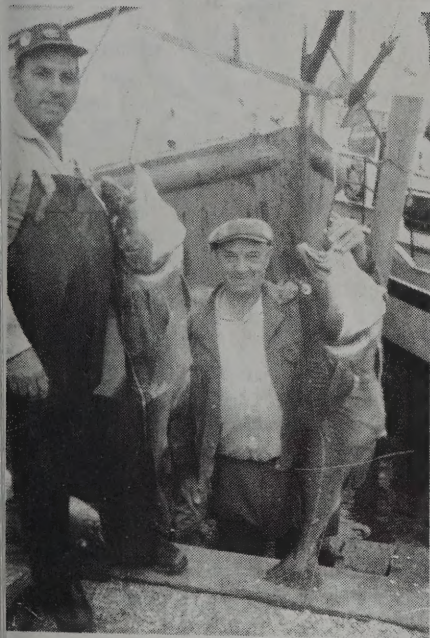
Sal Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported that porgy action is very good off of Buoy 1. Worms are best in

the bait department. Weakfish up to 3 lbs. are being taken on squid and worms at Rose's Grove. Kingfish and snappers are plentiful.

GREENPORT

Art White of White's Tackle Shop reported very good bluefishing at Pigeon Rip and the Race. The blues run from 5 to 14 lbs. and they are being jigged with 8 to 10 oz. diamond jigs. There is good porgy fishing at the east side of Gardiners Island using worms and clams as bait. Blackfishing is starting. These fish average 3 lbs. and the top weight so far was 9 lbs. Bass and blues are being plugged off of Horton's Point to Rocky Point. These are mostly school sized fish, however, an occasional teen size fish is taken.

South Shore Reports



Lou and Pop Iario, of Brooklyn, with two cod of 48 and 52 lbs. Photo courtesy of the "Peconic Queen II."

MONTAUK

Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reported that the cod-fishing remains excellent at Coxes Ledge. The "Viking Starlite" is making nightly trips to the Cartwright Grounds for blues. This fishing has been paying off with blues up to 20 lbs. There is no

chumming involved; just whole herring on a hook and the fisherman is in business. The Starlite leaves the dock at 7:00 p.m. and returns about 1:00 a.m. loaded with blues and arm weary fishermen.

Capt. Larry Keller, skipper of the "Jean Three," reported bluefishing is excellent around the Point. The blues run from 6 to 8 lbs., with a few fish in the teens. Striped bass fishing has picked up. Ten to twelve bass are being caught on each trip. "During the week, we had bass up to 40 lbs. at Pollack Rip and the Elbow. Most of the fish were jigged."

Capr. Dorman, skipper of the "Viking Skipper," reported that John Stonitsch, of East Northport, was the high hook on Friday with 173 porgies. Jeff Breslow, of Glen Oaks, was the runner-up with 165 porgies. On Saturday, three anglers topped the 100 fish mark and on Sunday, four anglers accomplished this. All this action took place around the Point area.

Carl Darenberg of the Montauk Marine Basin gave us the results of the Fin & Feather Contest: 1st prize-Men: a 32 lb. bass; angler Marshall Helfand on the Encore III. 1st prize-Men: a 20 lb. blue; angler Richard Villante on the charter boat Trident. Both anglers received \$100.00 cash and a trophy. Susan Gailey took the women's first prize with a 24 lb. bass and Robert Killie, Jr. took the first prize in the Jr. Division. Both anglers were fishing from the Encore III. They each received \$50.00 cash and a trophy. The Cartwright Shoals have been producing blues to 21 lbs. on whole herring. Bass up to 30 lbs. can be taken at night at Shagwong Rip and at Middle Buoy during the day.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," reported that the porgy fishing is outstanding. Anglers are getting 50 to 100 fish per trip. Larry and Ed Little, of Deer Park, caught 100 porgies each plus some weaks and a few blackfish. Capt. Clark, Jr. is doing equally well with the porgies west of Robins Island. The younger Captain has had good days on weakfish also.

Paul Furnari, of West Islip, was alerted by two young fishermen that a shark was cruising in Shinnecock Bay, 50 ft. from shore. Mr. Furnari, a summer resident of Hampton Bays, located the

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HAMPTON BAYS

Frank Muller of Frank's Fishing Station reported that the flounder action is very good. The flatties go better than a pound. The Basket area is the place and worms are best for bait. There are nice blowfish and good catches of kingfish at Greenlawn.

SAG HARBOR

The Noyac Marina reported very good fishing around Jessups Neck by the yacht club. Frank Bune and party, of Floral Park, had a good day on Friday. They came back with 20 weaks up to 3½ lbs., one blue of about 4 lbs., snappers, porgies, kingfish and one fluke. Squid did the job in the bait department. On Sunday, Eric Ifojoki and family, of Syosset, fishing by the yacht club, also had a good day with weaks, snappers and porgies. The flounders are starting to show now.

MORICHES

Ben Tadsen of Tadsen's Fishing Station reported that fluke fishing is good at the new cut by Great Gun Beach. The fluke go up to 3 lbs. and they are taking killies. Flounder fishing is slow. There is good kingfishing available. Weakfish can be taken at Buoys 42 and 43 on squid.

SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reported that the weakfishing is still holding up very well at the Brown's Creek Jetty area. King and porgy fishing is good at this area also. The blue claw crabbing is holding its own and there are some blowfish around. Dave Haskell, of Uniondale, had an unusual catch over the weekend,

a 3 ft. Dusky shark. Dave caught the shark on squid bait near the flats. Bob Alese, of Levittown, had 20 weaks up to 3½ lbs. near the Brown's Creek Jetty.

CAPTREE

Capt. John Gutman, skipper of the "Angler," reported that the fluke are still cooperating. The best area is from the bridge to the inlet. The average catch per man is about five fish, but there are exceptions that catch more. A few sea bass and kingfish are mixed in. The bluefishing offshore is holding up very well during both day and night trips.

Mrs. Jean Hancock, of Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, is the present leader in the Vineyard Contest, according to Al Caputo. Al said Mrs. Hancock entered a 23 lb. 4½ oz. bluefish which she caught while trolling a C.D. 18 Blue Mullet Rapala lure in the Nomansland area of the Vineyard.

OAK BEACH

Surfcaster Joe Belmonti, of West Islip, hooked and landed a 13¾ lb. albacore while fishing from the Sore Thumb Jetty. The fish was weighed in at Jerry's Bait & Tackle Shop.



Nine year old Tom Ooux, of Maryland, with a pool winning blue that tipped the scales at 12 lbs. Photo courtesy of the "Hel-Cat" Fleet.

RABYLON

Augie Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle reported that the bay fishing consists of kingfish, snappers and weakfish.

Crabs are also available and flounders are starting to show. The kings go to 1½ lbs. and the weaks run about 2 lbs. At the inlet, fluke and weaks up to 4 lbs. are taking killies, squid and shiners. Blackfishing is starting off of the wrecks. On Saturday, Neil Peterson landed a 7 lb. weakfish. Sharkfishing outside in 80 to 120 ft. of water produced some blues and Makos, however, mostly bluefish in the 10 lb. class were taken. These tackle busters hit shark rigs in the chum slick.

WEST BABYLON

Charlie Crowley of Charlie's Fishing Station reported that the crabbing remains excellent throughout this area. The flounder have started to bite off of Bergen Point. The weakfishing and kingfishing continues to be good in the East West Channel. Snappers are still around and they are of good size too.



Lou Clementz with 13 blues up to 12 lbs. The blues were trolled on red surgical tubes off Fire Island.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reported that kingfishing is good throughout the bay. The flounders are

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BROOKS AND BROWNS

ished waters. He is the biggest trout you are liable to encounter on the land - particularly in the tidal streams. If the brown has a weakness at all, perhaps it is an over-fondness for hardware. They become fish eaters at a rather early age, and often find a spoon or spinner, which imitates a baitfish, irresistible.

The rainbow trout (*Salmo gairdneri*) is a Westerner by birth. Brought East, they have been successfully established in many New York waters. There are only three spots on the Island where I have taken rainbows. They show up occasionally at Bubble Falls and elsewhere in the Connequot, but were never (to my knowledge) stocked there; the fish taken are escapees from the Southside Sportsman's property, upstream. Southaven Park stocks rainbows in both the lake and the stream, and if you want to catch a few for certain, this is the place to go. Wildwood Lake, near Riverhead completes the list of Long Island rainbow waters; fish the shallows in the early spring, and drift the thermocline (usually 15 feet deep or more) with a boat the rest of the year. The pink band along the side gives the rainbow his name, and is more prominent in the spring (rainbows are spring spawners, unlike the other two). They are the flashiest fighters, often jumping repeatedly before coming to net. Their feeding habits resemble the other trout's with one exception: they are real devils for fish spawn. A salmon egg or anything remotely resembling one has proved the undoing of many a 'bow.' I once saw several caught on pearl cocktail onions, dyed with mercurochrome.

That covers the field; whichever trout suits your fancy, remember to release the small ones unharmed to insure better sport next year. Good luck and tight lines.

STRICTLY CASTING

the blues are gone for everybody. (Do you read me LARRY HALLECK, Stamford, Conn.; - you think YOU have problems? - But come ashore with the long rod to some few secluded spots and enjoy fishing.) Sometimes, you hear the few fishermen in boats who know what they are doing, join the

shoremen in heaping verbal abuse on the unteachables that are in most of the boats. Neither does this really teach them anything.

This boat-matter is the drawback of West Meadow proper as of Stony Brook Inlet (not so much of the coves on the way to Crane Neck Point, and beyond). So for West Meadow itself, the weekday dawn at high tide is best; or the night for stripers. (Last year through September we got blues many nights on surface plugs!)

In autumn 1969 almost all the north shore saw a great blitz of blues mostly in the high teens, with a few 20 pounders. The following year, there was to my knowledge only one north beach where casters got many blues up to 18 pounds. West Meadow.

If your home beach is slow during your next trips to it, West Meadow is a spot to visit to keep its possibilities honest. Visit and learn it a little; tuck it away mentally for a future time when a northeaster blows hard, ruining nearly every other spot on the Sound. Or right after a strong northwester - a lot more bait seems to be pushed in here by this wind, and then in the flat water after this wind subsides, blues come in to casting range (this year up to 12 pounds, in August).

But myself I cannot stay permanently north shore. However beautiful Crane Neck Point is - the wooded cliffs above and the boulders along the shore; the richness of marine wilderness and of birdlife: - there's no steep rolling swells here; no crashing surf here; no frothy undertow that gives the fish that extra edge; no whatever-it-is about the true surf that makes every long trip to it feel worthwhile. For me anyway.



Joe Bond, Erskin Wall and James Wall, of New York City, with porgies, weaks and kings. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

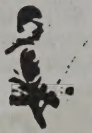
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18 ft. SEA SPRITE, bowrider, deep V hull, all fiberglass, 85 h.p. Johnson, trailer, full covers and all equipment. All purchased 1970. Show-room condition, \$2400.00. Must sell (516) 585-9490.

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SWISS TYPE 11 blade Army knife. Has 2 cutting blades, cap lifter, screwdriver, cork screw, scissors, hole punch, nail file, fish scaler, hook disgorging, can opener. Size closed 3 3/4". Great gift for fishermen & campers. Was \$8.50, now only \$3.98 + 50¢ postage & handling. Satisfaction guaranteed. Harding Sales Co. Dept. LF, 89 Gillette Ave., Bayport, N.Y. 11705.

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starting at East Bay and Wantagh Park. The striped bass fishing has been slow and the fluking is just about finished. The weakfishing was very good near the inlet over the weekend.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White, skipper of the "Angler II," reported excellent bluefishing over the weekend. "We are getting big blues at the Cholera Banks. Most of the fish are in the 10 to 15 lb. class."

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reported the fishing in the bay is very

good. There is a large population of sea bass in Reynolds Channel. King-fishing is excellent throughout the bay. The weakfishing was terrific over the weekend off Malibu Beach. Hundreds of boats converged on the area and caught weaks up to 4 1/2 lbs. The fluke fishing has slowed down. Boat trollers hit into school sized stripers at the inlet over the weekend. There are plenty of nice sized snappers around.

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reported the blue-

fishing was very good over the weekend. "We had to work hard for them but everyone got his share. We fished the Cholera Banks, Buoy 17 and the Farms. The blues run up to 14 and 15 lbs. Some albacore in the 18 to 20 pound class have been taken also."

Capt. Paul Schmidt, skipper of the "Aloma II," reported fantastic fishing over the weekend. "We had kings, weaks and flounders. On Saturday, with six people aboard, 175 kings and 150 nice sized flounders were caught.

TIDES: SOUTH SHORE SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		12:36
Fri.	1:14	1:37
Sat.	2:20	2:44
Sun.	3:29	3:53
Mon.	4:36	4:58
Tues.	5:38	5:57
Wed.	6:29	6:46
Thur.	7:12	7:28

	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
STATEN ISLAND	+0	07
ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Bergen Beach	+0	29
J.F.K. Airport	+0	26
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
JONES INLET	-0	19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potauk Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND WILLETTS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	3:29	3:49
Fri.	4:40	5:06
Sat.	6:25	6:49
Sun.	7:42	8:08
Mon.	8:46	9:09
Tues.	9:41	10:03
Wed.	10:28	10:52
Thur.	11:11	11:35

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

13th ANNUAL JONES BEACH, CAPTREE and ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK FISHING CONTEST

AUGUST CONTEST WINNERS

FROM THE SURF

1. John Scheidegger, 60 Tangle Lane, Wantagh, N.Y., Striped Bass, 36 lbs., Jones Beach, 36 pts.
2. Joe Flynn, 1465 Lincoln Blvd., Bay Shore, N.Y., Bluefish, 7 lbs. 1 oz., Robert Moses, 21 3/16 pts.
3. Ray Grube, 117 Venetian Blvd., Lindenhurst, N.Y., Weakfish, 7 lbs., Robert Moses, 21 pts.

FROM PIER & BANK

1. Walter Kurpiel, 542 11th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., Striped Bass, 36 lbs. 1 oz., Jones Beach Bank, 36 1/16 pts.
2. Jerald Morgan, 183-26 Arcade Ave., Jamaica, N.Y., Bluefish, 10 lbs. 10 ozs., Jones Beach Bank, 31 14/16 pts.
3. Edward Friedman, 2320 Creston Ave., Bronx, N.Y., Fluke, 5 lbs. 5 ozs., Jones Beach Pier, 15 15/16 pts.

FROM THE BOAT

1. Jerry Young, 7460 Schoyer Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., Bluefish, 17 lbs. 12 ozs., Capt. Arnold Hubert, 53 4/16 pts.
2. Eli Zucker, 56-35A 175 Place, Flushing, N.Y., Bluefish, 17 lbs. 7 ozs., Capt. Al Rollman, 52 5/16 pts.
3. Doug Koleda, 175 Liberty Ave., Westbury, Bluefish, 17 lbs. 1 oz., Capt. George Tweedy, 51 3/16 pts.

TIDES: L.I. SOUND BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	3:38	4:01
Fri.	4:41	5:05
Sat.	5:49	6:15
Sun.	6:57	7:24
Mon.	8:02	8:26
Tues.	8:57	9:23
Wed.	9:48	10:12
Thur.	10:32	10:57

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

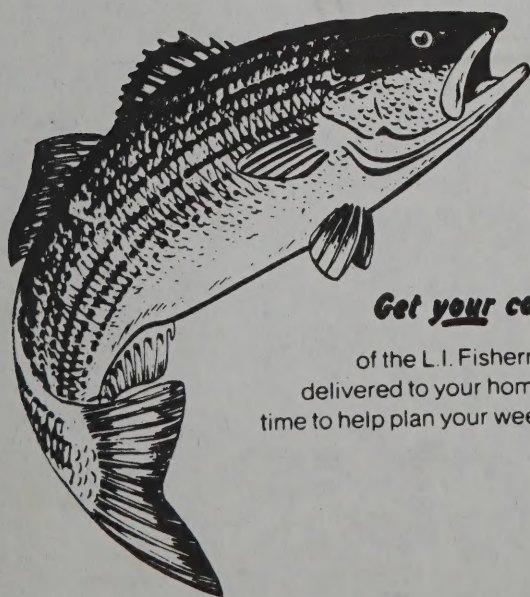
TIDES: B.I. SOUND NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	1:45	2:04
Fri.	2:50	3:12
Sat.	4:00	4:26
Sun.	5:14	5:37
Mon.	6:19	6:44
Tues.	7:18	7:40
Wed.	8:03	8:27
Thur.	8:44	9:08

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
Montauk Point	-1	13

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